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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Park Police Officer Involved Shooting**

On February 22, 2005, the San Antonio Police Department responded to the San Antonio Housing Authority, located at 818 S. Flores, for a shooting. A San Antonio Park Police Officer was working in a off duty capacity at the location when someone advised him of a possible burglary of vehicle in progress in the parking lot. As the officer exited the building he observed a lone suspect near a vehicle that apparently been burglarized with the passenger's side window broken. The suspect had an unknown object in his hands and entered the suspect vehicle. Fearing for his safety the officer approached with his service weapon drawn. The officer continued to order the suspect out of the vehicle, but the suspect refused to comply. After a brief moment of no activity, the suspect placed the vehicle in reverse and accelerated towards the officer, who was behind the vehicle. Fearing for his life, the officer fired once striking the suspect and stopping the advance of the suspect vehicle. The suspect was immediately taken into custody and EMS was called to the scene. It appears that several vehicles had been burglarized by the suspect and property was recovered in the suspect's vehicle.

The 23 year old suspect was transported to University Hospital by EMS. The identity of the suspect is being withheld pending formal charges.

San Antonio Park Police Officer Patrick Gill is a 13 year veteran and information regarding Officer Gill's duty status can be obtained from Park Police at 207-8590.

The San Antonio Police Department Shooting Team will be conducting the investigation and will forward the results to Park Police Chief Steven Baum & the Bexar County District Attorney's Office.

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